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SUBJECT:PRIME MINISTER'S QUERY REGARDING NUCLEAR PLANT

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1. UPON RECEIPT OF REF A DEPARTMENT INITIATED DISCUSSIONS
WITH DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) OFFICIALS CONCERNING
1) THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY PRIME MINISTER THORN AND
2) ADDING LUXEMBOURG TO ITINERARY OF DOE CONTRACT STUDY
TEAM ON SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE (REF
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2. AS INDICATED IN REF B, ALTHOUGH STUDY TEAM IS PERFORMING
CONTRACT FOR USG, IT IS NOT A GOVERNMENTAL GROUP AND IS
THEREFORE NOT AUTHORIZED TO SPEAK ON OUTSTANDING BILATERAL
AND MULTILATERAL NUCLEAR ISSUES. NONETHELESS, SINCE THE
TEAM IS AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS INSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS TO
THE EXTENT THAT THEY RELATE TO HOST COUNTRY'S SPENT FUEL

PROBLEMS, WE BELIEVE THAT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN TEAM AND APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN LUXEMBOURG WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO BOTH U.S. AND LUXEMBOURG.

3. WITH REGARD TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RAISED BY PRIME MINISTER, WHILE WE WILL BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE HIM WITH

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON U.S. SPENT FUEL POLICY AS IT DEVELOPS, THE DETAILS OF THAT POLICY ARE STILL BEING WORKED OUT WITHIN THE USG AND IMPLEMENTATION WILL PROBABLY REQUIRE LEGISLATION AND THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THEREFORE, WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE DETAILED INFORMATION AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, MR. HAROLD BENGELSDORF, DIRECTOR FOR NUCLEAR AFFAIRS IN THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS, DOE, WILL BE IN EUROPE AND IS PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO LUXEMBOURG TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE GOL OFFICIALS ON DECEMBER 15, 1977, TO DISCUSS USG THINKING ON U.S. SPENT FUEL POLICY AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS DATE ACCEPTABLE. VANCE

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